

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the approval and submission of the Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The City of Lowell is submitting a Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which plan will address the community development and housing needs and priorities identified by the community; and

The Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan calls for the anticipated expenditure of \$5,215,382 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; and

The Lowell City Council determines that the proposed use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding is necessary and desirable in order to improve the economic and living conditions of the residents of the City; and

The Annual Action Plan includes the anticipated expenditure of \$4,665,562 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 which includes a total of **\$2,088,760** in CDBG, **\$801,218** in HOME, \$175,066 in ESG, and \$1,600,338 in HOPWA for a Total of \$4,665,382 in Federal grant funds. The Annual Plan also includes \$142,000 in anticipated program income.

The Lowell City Council determines that the proposed use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG Program funding for the City of Lowell, and the HOPWA program funding for Middlesex and Essex Counties is necessary and desirable in order to improve the economic and living conditions of the residents of the City.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the proposed plan for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant is hereby endorsed, approved and included in the Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan, to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its approval.

2019-2020 Draft Annual Action Plan

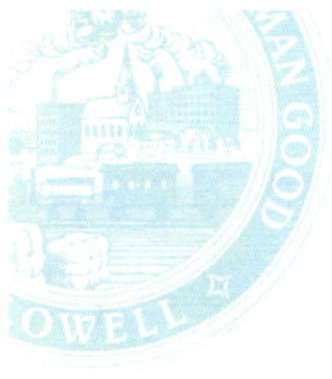
The following activities have been *tentatively* selected to receive support using Consolidated Plan program funds during the 2019-2020 program year

	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT NAME	
CDBG Public Service			
1	Angkor Dance Troupe	Angkor's Creative Works Program	\$7,500.00
2	Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	Lowell Asian Initiative Against Domestic Violence	\$10,000.00
3	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell	Youth Performing Arts Program	\$7,600.00
4	Cambodian Mutual Assistance	Walk-In Services Staff	\$5,000.00
5	Cambodian Mutual Assistance	Youth Program Staff	\$7,500.00
6	Coalition for a Better Acre	Parenting University Pilot	\$10,000.00
7	Community Teamwork, Inc.	Mill City Mentoring Program	\$7,000.00
8	Community Teamwork, Inc.	Fuel Assistance Program	\$8,000.00
9	Community Teamwork, Inc.	Financial Education Program	\$7,500.00
10	Community Teamwork, Inc.	Spindle City Corps	\$9,000.00
11	Community Teamwork, Inc.	Emergency Motel Placement	\$5,000.00
12	City of Lowell, Council on Aging	Senior Programming	\$10,000.00
13	Dwelling House of Hope, Inc.	Food Pantry	\$10,000.00
14	Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell	Youth Enrichment Programs	\$6,000.00
15	Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell	Outreach	\$6,000.00
16	Greater Lowell Family YMCA	Camperships	\$7,500.00
17	House of Hope, Inc.	The Hope Chest	\$10,000.00
18	Justice Resource Institute	Youth Harbours Lowell	\$5,000.00
19	Lowell Association for the Blind	Advocacy/Services for the Blind	\$10,000.00
20	Lowell Community Health Center	Teen BLOCK Reaches Out	\$7,400.00
21	Lowell House, Inc.	Fitness and Wellness Program for Recovery	\$7,500.00
22	Mass Hire/Greater Lowell Workforce-Lowell Career Center	Subsidized Work Program for Youth	\$7,500.00
23	Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Lowell Immigrant Integration Services	\$5,000.00
24	Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities	Lowell Food Pantry Collaborative	\$30,000.00
25	Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.	Mobile Pantry	\$10,000.00
26	Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.	Food Distribution	\$10,000.00
27	Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership	First Time Home Buyer Training	\$5,000.00
28	Middlesex Community College	Out of School Youth Development	\$5,000.00
29	Mill City Grows, Inc.	Farm to Table Cooking Classes	\$5,000.00
30	Mill City Grows, Inc.	Community Programming	\$5,000.00
31	Recreational Adult Resource Association	Programs and Services	\$5,000.00
32	St. Paul's Kitchen	Payroll Assistance	\$8,000.00
33	The Community Family	Alzheimer's Adult Day Health	\$5,000.00
34	The Wish Project	Transforming the Homeless to Housing	\$10,000.00
35	Third Sector New England, Sustainable Farming Project	Expanding Access to Healthy Food	\$10,000.00
36	UTEC, Inc.	Workforce Development in Social Enterprises	\$5,000.00
37	Whistler House Museum of Art	Multicultural Youth Summer Art Program	\$6,000.00
38	YWCA of Lowell	Youth Enrichment Training Institute	\$7,000.00

CDBG Non-Public		
City of Lowell	Senior Center Lease	\$350,000.00
City of Lowell	Sec. 108 Debt Service	\$195,000.00
City of Lowell	Sanitary Code Enforcement	\$60,000.00
City of Lowell	Emergency Home Repair	\$20,000.00
City of Lowell	Fire Protection Equipment (Fire Truck)	\$650,000.00
City of Lowell	Pedestrian ADA Improvements	\$75,000.00
City of Lowell	Economic Development Assistance	\$100,000.00
City of Lowell	Waterline - Franklin Court Garden	\$30,000.00
City of Lowell	Chambers Street - Outlook	\$25,000.00
City of Lowell	Kerouac Park Play Area	\$45,000.00
City of Lowell	Utopian Park	\$50,000.00
City of Lowell	Olga Nieves Park Renovation	\$35,000.00
Acre Family Child Care	Family Child Care Business Development	\$25,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell	Program Space Expansion	\$35,000.00
Entrepreneurship for All	Launching Lowell Businesses	\$10,000.00
Habitat For Humanity	Critical Home Repair	\$25,000.00
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust	Urban Forestry Program	\$32,000.00
YWCA	Youth Center Upgrades	\$42,000.00
ESG		
Women In Transition, Inc. DBA Alternative House	Domestic Violence Shelter	\$9,436.00
Community Teamwork, Inc.	Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Households	\$19,500.00
Community Teamwork, Inc.	Homeless Outreach Case Manager	\$16,000.00
Community Teamwork, Inc.	Homeless Prevention Program	\$19,500.00
House of Hope, Inc.	House of Hope Shelters	\$30,000.00
House of Hope, Inc.	House of Hope Housing Resource Center	\$14,500.00
Lowell Transitional Living Center	Community Outreach Program	\$12,400.00
Lowell Transitional Living Center	Winter Emergency Bed Program	\$16,251.00
Lowell Housing Authority	Homeless Prevention Program	\$24,500.00
HOME		
City of Lowell , DPD	First Time Home Buyer	\$250,000.00
City of Lowell , DPD	Home Housing Rehab	\$300,000.00
CHDO Reserve	Community Development Housing Organization	\$120,182.00

HOPWA

AIDS Action Committee of MA, Inc.	Rental Assistance Program	\$82,050.00
AIDS Action Committee of MA, Inc.	Emergency Housing & St. Paul's Residence	\$74,109.00
AIDS Action Committee of MA, Inc.	Middlesex HOCH Program	\$121,068.00
Institute for Health and Recovery	Project HEAL	\$67,622.00
Justice Resource Institute	Assisted Living Program	\$301,731.00
Lowell House, Inc.	Housing Information Services	\$84,922.00
Lowell House, Inc.	Supportive Services	\$75,062.00
Lowell Housing Authority	Support Program	\$100,000.00
South Middlesex Opportunity Council	HOPWA Program	\$78,991.00
Victory Programs, Inc.	Ruah House	\$59,012.00
LHAND	Administering Agency Essex County	\$485,603.00



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

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Assistant City Manager

May 28, 2019

Mayor William J. Samaras
and
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Department of Housing and Community Development: FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

Please find attached the proposed funding activities for the 2019-2020 program year. This list provides a strategy for the use of federal entitlement funds granted to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs. Programs and activities are intended to primarily benefit low and moderate income residents of the City, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low and moderate income residents, and the City as a whole. HOPWA funds will be distributed to eligible activities throughout Middlesex and Essex Counties.

The projects were solicited through a competitive process and a volunteer Citizens Advisory Committee worked with the Department of Planning Department to ensure that City goals and HUD requirements are met.

Copies of the draft Action Plan were made available to the public during a 30-day comment period. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lowell Senior Center on these funding recommendations and no public input was received.

The City Council must approve the funding recommendations before they are submitted to HUD. The Law Department has prepared the necessary Vote for your consideration. If you have any questions about these documents or this process, please feel free to contact Diane Tradd at 978-674-1401.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Diane Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Christopher Samaras, Community Development Director